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Juang language

The **Juang language** is a language spoken primarily by the Juang people of Odisha state, eastern India.

Juang	
Native to	India
Region	Odisha
Ethnicity	Juang
Native speakers	30,378, 65% of ethnic population (2011 census)[1]
Language family	Austroasiatic ▪ Munda ▪ Kharia–Juang ▪ **Juang**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`jun`
Glottolog	`juan1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/juan1238)`[2]
Coordinates: 20°9′0″N 85°30′0″E	

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Classification

The Juang language belongs to the Munda language family, the whole of which is classified as a branch of the greater Austroasiatic language family. Among the Munda languages, Juang is considered to be most closely related to Kharia, although Anderson considers Juang and Kharia to have split off from each other relatively early.[3]

Juang can be roughly divided into the Hill and Plains varieties, both of which are spoken in Odisha (Patnaik 2008:508).

- **Hill Juang**: Gonasika Hills (in Keonjhar district) and Pallara Hills
- **Plains Juang**: about 147 villages in southern Keonjhar district and eastern Dhenkanal district

Distribution

Juang is spoken by about 30,875 people according to the 2001 Indian census. In Odisha state, it is spoken in southern Keonjhar district, northern Angul district, and eastern Dhenkanal district (Patnaik 2008:508).

Juang is currently an Endangered language and is considered to vulnerable, or (not spoken by children outside of home).

Juang currently has roughly under 20,000 speakers remaining

Grammar

In Juang a number of roots are clearly exempt from the Transitive verb/Intransitive verb opposition, so that the function of the root can be determined only from its co-occurrence with the particular set of tense markers.

For Example,

pag- Set I 'to break' -Set II 'to be broken1

rag- Set I 'to tear' - Set II 'to be torn1

guj- Set I 'to wash' - Set II 'to be was

Writing System

The writing system used by people who speak the Juang language is Odia.

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